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1. On 15 August, 60 Soviet tanks passed through Bucharest toward Cotroceni. The tanks were each eight meters long and armed with one gun.
2. Soviet units formerly stationed at Galati moved northward and were replaced by tank units with 60 tanks (six meters long, one gun and a 60 centimeter tread).
3. On 10 July, 20 Soviet tanks on maneuvers passed through Timisoara. Extensive Soviet air activity was also observed in this area. A number of villages between Timisoara and Jimbolia have been evacuated to accommodate Soviet troops. It is believed by informants that Soviet troops passing through this area are en route to Hungary. The Timisoara Fabric railroad station is now restricted for use in unloading Soviet war materiel.
4. On both sides of the railroad, ten minutes before entering Timisoara, Soviet guns of various types and tanks are massed. At an area known as Padurea Verde, Soviet ammunition is stored. It is covered by dark grey or green canvas and guarded by Soviets.
5. An anti-aircraft battery of six guns (thin barrels three meters long) is located on the right side of the road to Tulcea, between the ammunition depot mentioned in paragraph 12 and the airfield at Siut-Chiol. Soviets man these guns and searchlights are used.
6. In the area of the brick yard at Caramidari, new brick barracks are being built. They extend over an area of two kilometers. Four barracks are already finished with many under construction. These barracks will be eventually used by the Soviets.
7. The airfield at Zilistea, near Buzau, has been repaired and enlarged. It is used by Soviets to accommodate large bombers (sic).
8. The Soviet war materiel which was stored in the Galati dock area was loaded during the end of July into 20 Soviet lighters which sailed up the river. Small iron barges for floating bridge construction were also moved up the river into Braila.
9. Soviet troops which were encamped between Barbosi, Serdaru and Serbesti in

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Coverlui county, held maneuvers during the latter part of June. Armored cars, trucks, mobile artillery and 15 tanks (eight meters long) were utilized during the maneuvers.

10. The Viitorul shipyards have four minesweepers and five lighters (1,000 ton) which are under construction and several craft under repair. The work is behind schedule. Generally the pay is poor for laborers with Greek guerrillas getting better pay than Rumanians at the shipyard.
11. Captain Georgescu, former Chief of the Passport Bureau in Bucharest has been imprisoned on charges of blackmailing foreigners desiring visas. Captain Viseanu from Constanta has replaced Captain Georgescu.
12. Depots for the storage of ammunition underground cover an area of approximately 50 square acres. The area is located at an angle formed by the Constanta road to Techirghiol and the Constanta road to Basarabi; more specifically, two kilometers from the Techirghiol road, behind a slaughterhouse and installations of the Astra Romana Oil Company. The exact location is known as Medea (sic). There is an airfield close by with three large hangars and ten Soviet transport aircraft.
13. At Caramidari, outside Constanta on the main road to Tulcea, 50 square acres have been enclosed by wire and is guarded by Rumanian soldiers. It is reported that the area is an underground ammunition storage place.
14. A platform has been erected on the roof of a building at 28-30 Halelor Strada next to the Dacia Hotel. It is believed that this platform will be used for anti-aircraft guns. Similar platforms have been observed on other high buildings in Bucharest. Some buildings have short ladders, believed to be used for anti-aircraft gun emplacements (sic). A building opposite Saint Gheorghe Church and the building next to the hotel at 11 Strada Iunie on the square have such ladders.
15. Cement production in Rumania has increased 250 percent since 1948. The entire cement supply is exported to the USSR. Since 14 March all domestic deliveries of cement have stopped.
16. Since last spring, the Agenco Cooperative has built 200 warehouses for grain storage, of 200, 600 and 800-ton capacity. The warehouses are owned by Comcereal (state enterprise). The Agenco Cooperative has also completed construction of 25 buildings at Tiganesti, near Bucharest, to accommodate a new Soviet radio station. Only Communists were permitted to supervise the construction.

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